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ST. PETER'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Peter's Day was marked with solemnity and splendour at Bishop Cotton Boys' School, blending tradition, spiritual reverence, and national pride. A key moment was the installation of detailed models of INS Vikrant and INS Delhi at Warden's Park, generously gifted by Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff and a distinguished Old Cottonian. These symbols of maritime strength reflected the transformative journey of St. Peter—from fisherman to apostle—rooted in divine calling and faith.





The Principal, Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, welcomed the Bishops, the pastors, Mr. Johnson- School Treasurer-former Principals, Old Cottonians, faculty, and students to the unveiling function and the solemn service thereafter.

The Sung Holy Eucharist was led by Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark, Moderator-in-Charge of the Church of South India, and attended by dignitaries including Rt. Rev. Dr. P.K. Samuel, Bishop Emeritus of CSI-KCD; Rev. Dr. Vincent Vinod Kumar, Secretary, CSI-KCD; Rev. Christopher Samuel, Assistant Secretary, CSI-KCD; Mr. N.D. Solomon Raju, Treasurer, CSI-KCD; Mr. Devadas Sadhu, Associate Treasurer, CSI-KCD; and Rev. Christy Gnanadasan, Vice Chairman of the Board of Management, along with members of the Board of Management.







PREFECTS INVESTITURE CEREMONY

There are three essentials to leadership: humility, clarity, and courage. The Prefects Investiture Ceremony at Bishop Cotton Boys' School was held on 20th June 2025, marking the formal induction of the Student Council for the academic year 2025–2026. The solemn occasion sought to instil in the young leaders the ethos of leadership, commitment, and service.





A soulful invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Vincent Vinod Kumar, Diocesan Secretary of CSI-KCD, seeking God's divine blessings for the proceedings. The Principal then welcomed the gathering and set the tone for the afternoon. The highlight of the ceremony was the induction of the new prefects, recognised for their leadership qualities, academic excellence, and commitment to the school's values. The oath of office was administered by the Principal to the three Chief Office Bearers: Nitin Joseph, School Captain Designate, Daksh Jain, Head of Day Scholars Designate and David Luis Sumer, Head of Boarders Designate.





The vote of thanks was delivered by Daksh Jain, Head of Day Scholars, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, members of the faculty, staff, parents, and students. The ceremony concluded with a prayer and benediction by Rev. Christopher Samuel, Assistant Secretary of CSI-KCD, after which the newly appointed prefects exited the auditorium in a solemn procession. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the newly elected prefects and look forward to their outstanding contributions to Bishop Cotton Boys' School in the year ahead.



The ceremony commenced with the Principal, Members of the Board of Management and Vice Principal escorting the Chief Guest, Mr Karthik Naidu, into the Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Auditorium. They were followed by the student leaders, led by the School Captain Designate Nitin Joseph, bearing the school flag.



Subsequently, the School Captain led the rest of the Senior and Junior Prefects in taking their oath of office. The Chief Guest, Mr Karthik Naidu, Founder and CEO of StartYourSaaS.io and the White Petals Group of Institutions, delivered an inspiring address. Drawing from his own journey as a leader and entrepreneur, he urged the students to lead with vision, integrity, and commitment, while embracing innovation—particularly in the rapidly evolving field of AI where his firm has been at the forefront.



ANNUAL STAFF RETREAT

Bishop Cotton Boys School is rooted in traditions. These traditions make the school environment ideal to work: it encourages inter-departmental camaraderie and goodwill. One such tradition is the Annual Staff Retreat - an occasion to celebrate, reflect and deliberate, before the grind of a new academic year.



The Principal then introduced the new team members to the gathering and welcomed them to the fold. This was followed by the felicitation of team members celebrating birthdays in the month of May. It was also an occasion to celebrate the cent percent results in the ICSE and ISC council examinations this year. Our students made the school proud, securing top scores of 99.6% in ICSE and 98.25% in ISC. A year of hard work has yielded dividends, said the Principal, but there is always room for further improvement.





This year, the faculty and staff of the school had a restful two days at three different resorts in Chikmagalur. The group checked in on the afternoon of May 29th and after some sumptuous lunch and snacks, gathered for the official staff meeting. The Principal apprised the team about the new academic calendar and his expectations of them. He exhorted the members of faculty to raise the academic standard in order to achieve greater success in the coming years.



The morning of 30th was earmarked for sightseeing and the team went to Belur and Halebidu. Teachers and staff also dabbled in a bit of shopping on the way, picking up spices and coffee, both extensively grown in Chikmagalur. The faculty and staff would like to thank the Principal Mr. Alistair R A Freese and the Board of Management for organising the staff retreat and creating some lovely memories to cherish a lifetime.

"Relaxation is the key to success. If you can't relax during your most intense moments, then you've already lost."

– DIANE MATKOWSKI







PARENTS ORIENTATION

Parents are vital stakeholders in the academic journeys of their wards. Hence, Orientation Programmes for the parents of students from Kindergarten to ISC students were held in the school auditorium. The objective of the event was to equip parents with the information and insights necessary to support their children's academic journeys wholeheartedly.







The Orientations for Kindergarten, Junior School, Middle School, Senior and ISC were held on the 3rd ,9th, 12th and 13th of June respectively. The session featured esteemed guest speaker Dr. Debmita Dutta, a renowned parenting consultant, who delivered engaging talks to the parents. Her insightful presentation offered practical strategies that parents could readily implement to support their children through these formative years.

This was followed by the Principal's address, in which he apprised parents of the school's ethos, academic framework, and essential rules and regulations. A brief Q&A session allowed parents to raise pertinent queries and receive clarifications. He also introduced the teaching faculty to the gatherings. His reassuring words helped build trust and set a positive, collaborative tone for the academic year ahead.







A special note of thanks to Reverend Christopher Samuel, Assistant Secretary of CSI-KCD, for opening the session with a meaningful prayer, invoking blessings for the children, parents, and staff as they embark on this new journey together. Parents responded positively to the session, expressing appreciation for the clarity and transparency provided. The event served to strengthen the bond between home and school and assured parents of a collaborative and enriching journey ahead. The orientation programs concluded with the National Anthem.

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." — ROBERT FROST

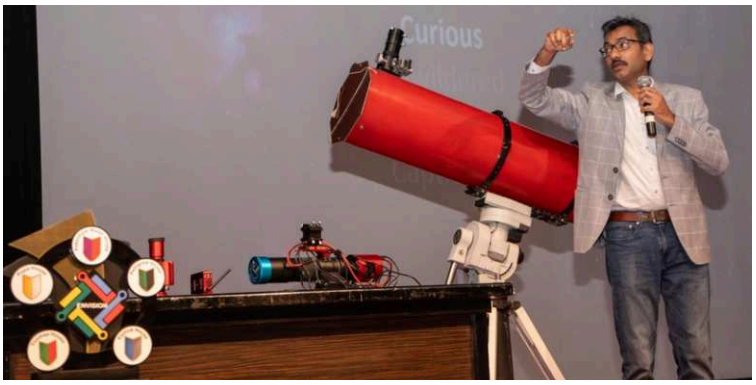
We sincerely thank the Principal, Vice Principal, coordinators of the various blocks and all the other teachers who played a vital role in bringing these events to fruition.





ENVISION SCIENCE AND IT FEST

The Inter-House Science and IT Fest, Envision 2025, held on 18 June, brought alive the spirit of discovery and innovation at Bishop Cotton Boys' School. The inaugural ceremony in the Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Auditorium was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Mahesh Ravi Varma, Guest of Honour and Quiz Master Mr. Alistair LaPorte, Principal Mr. Alistair R A Freese, Treasurer Mr. Johnson P, Vice Principal Mr. Anil Dutt, and judges from Cathedral High School and St. John's High School.









The core committee—Mrs. Geetha Krishnan, Mrs. Mruthul Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Angiras, and Mrs. Catherine Griffith—ably supported by the Middle and Senior School faculty, organised the fest seamlessly. Pope House claimed the Rolling Trophy as champions of Envision 2025. The fest was a true celebration of learning beyond the classroom.

Over 425 students took part in 20 exciting events—ranging from experiments, quizzes, and poster making to mathematical challenges, JAM, Shark Tank, and a vibrant science exhibition. The highlight of the day was Mr. Mahesh Ravi Varma's awe-inspiring session on astrophotography using his self-built Newtonian Reflector Telescope.



"We all wish for world peace, but world peace will never be achieved unless we first establish peace within our own minds."

— GESHE KELSANG GYATSO

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY





The session began with prayer and a meaningful introduction by Mr. Dhiviyanathan J., who highlighted yoga's role in promoting balance, immunity, and inner peace. Cadets performed a series of asanas and pranayama with poise and discipline. Graced by the presence of the staff in charge of the Uniformed Services, the event reflected Cottons' commitment to holistic development through the fusion of tradition and modern education.

On 21st June 2025, Bishop Cotton Boys' School marked International Yoga Day with a vibrant session on the Second Eleven Field. Uniformed Services Cadets participated with great enthusiasm, guided by Mr. Vijay Samson T from the Department of Physical Education.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025

On 5th June 2025, Bishop Cotton Boys' School celebrated World Environment Day with a vibrant series of events aimed at promoting environmental consciousness. The day began with 'Eco Revolution', a lively fashion show by Junior I and II students showcasing imaginative outfits crafted from renewable materials. This was followed by a tribute to environmental pioneers around the world, presented by Middle School students, highlighting global efforts in environmental preservation.





Principal Mr. Alistair R A Freese emphasized the importance of reconnecting with nature, proposing a bird-watching field trip to deepen students' appreciation for the environment. The celebration ended with a symbolic sapling plantation drive, reinforcing the school's commitment to a sustainable and greener future.





The event featured an impactful speech by School Captain Designate, Nitin Joseph, who urged the audience to take eco-conscious action. A heartfelt musical performance titled 'A Symphony for Our Planet' by Yohan Francis Martin and Nirav Nathaniel further reinforced the day's theme through art and emotion. Chief Guest Mrs. Reena Philips inspired students with her keynote, urging them to serve as 'Green Ambassadors' in their communities.

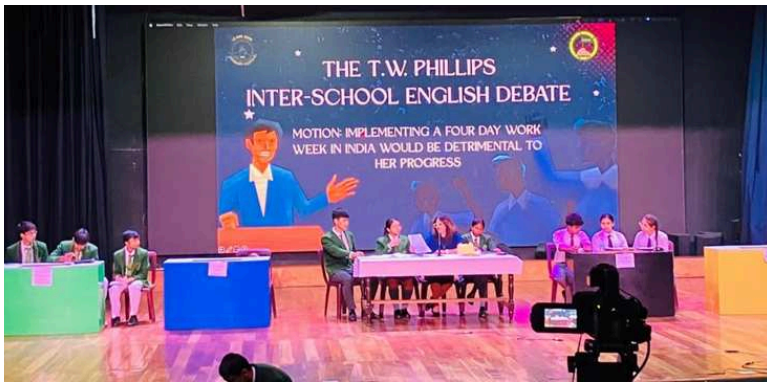




"The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover"

– JEAN PIAGET

LE MOT JUSTE LITERARY FEST



During the preliminary round. Mohammed Yaeesh secured the position of second runner-up in the Sandeep Sharma Storytelling Competition, impressing the judges with his outstanding voice modulation and remarkable ability to captivate the audience. The festival stood as a testament to the transformative power of language and imagination, leaving an indelible impression on all who witnessed the brilliance of the participants.

The literary festival held at Wynberg Allen School was a grand success, drawing a large number of students from far and wide. The event became a vibrant stage where participants unleashed their literary talents, weaving words into art and delving deep into the world of imagination. The ISC debate team — comprising Arjun Gujjari, Pranav Jain, and Aarin Kotian — qualified for the finals of the T.W. Phillips English Debate, with Arjun Gujjari being awarded Best Speaker in the Pool C category.



ART AND CRAFT SUMMER CAMP

The Art & Craft Summer Camp wrapped up with a delightful showcase of creativity, colour, and imagination. The final exhibition featured a wide array of artwork, each piece reflecting the enthusiasm and talent of our young artists. From intricate craftwork to expressive paintings, the display was a celebration of learning through art.





Parents were filled with pride as they admired their children's creations, a testament to the vibrant learning environment nurtured throughout the camp. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire Art Department and our talented students for making the camp a memorable success. Special thanks to Mr. Ramprasad, Mrs. Hema Premath, Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, Mrs. Helen Mary Hemalatha, Mrs. Sujata B, and Mr. Suraj for their dedication, encouragement, and inspiring mentorship.

ROBOTICS SUMMER CAMP

The 20-day Robotics and AI Summer Camp concluded with resounding success, offering students an exciting platform to explore the world of STEM through hands-on, interactive learning. Packed with engaging activities and guided by expert instructors, the camp created a vibrant, supportive environment that sparked curiosity and built critical 21st-century skills.









Students were immersed in a wide range of real-world applications of robotics and artificial intelligence. From designing and coding robots to understanding key STEM concepts, each session was crafted to provide practical exposure and encourage collaborative problem-solving. The camp was led by mentors from LSCL Robotics - Ms Jyothirmayi, Ms Sowmya Sree, Ms Nagasree and Ms Veena Kumari. Their expertise and enthusiasm greatly contributed to the dynamic learning experience. Ms Sheba Rajasigamoni of Bishop Cotton Boys' School served as the overall incharge of the camp. Her dedication, leadership, and meticulous planning were instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution and overall success of the program. A special note of thanks goes out to her.

The final day of the camp was made even more special with the visit of enthusiastic parents, who were thrilled to witness their children in action. Seeing the students confidently demonstrate their projects and skills filled the campus with pride and excitement.The Robotics and AI Summer Camp was more than just a learning experience—it was a launchpad for future innovators, igniting young minds and nurturing a passion for technology and creativity

MUSIC SUMMER CAMP

The curtains came down on the vibrant 20-day Music Summer Camp 2025 with an enthralling performance by the young participants, in the presence of their proud parents and well-wishers. The event was a heartwarming culmination of dedication, creativity, and musical growth.

Over the course of the camp, students received focused training in Guitar, Keyboard, Violin, and Vocals, under the guidance of a talented and committed team of music educators.





Guitar students were mentored by Mr. Faustin D'Rozario and Mr. Thirukumar. Keyboard sessions were led by Mr. Samuel Vijayakumar and Mr. Sam Charles. Violin training was conducted by Mr. Samson Jebakumar while vocals were beautifully guided by Mr. Avinash Romario and Mr. Sam Ebenezer.

The finale showcased the remarkable progress made by the children, with performances that reflected both technical skill and musical expression. It was evident that the camp not only honed their abilities but also nurtured a deeper love and appreciation for music. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated music teachers whose passion and patience made this journey truly enriching.



"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

— WALTER CRONKITE

R.K. VON GOLDSTEIN CRICKET TOURNAMENT



We extend our sincere gratitude to Bishop Cotton School, Shimla for their gracious invitation and warm hospitality extended throughout the tournament. We also place on record our thanks to Mr. Wilson Sampath Kumar, Team Manager, and Mr. Moin Ahmad, Coach of the Cricket team. Although Bishop Cotton Boys' School could not retain their championship title this year, they were declared proud runners-up. Their performance was marked by resilience, sportsmanship, and skill- befitting the proud legacy of the institution. Well done boys, you have done us proud.

The final match of the R.K. Von Goldstein Memorial Cricket Tournament was held between Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, and Vasant Valley School, Delhi. Bishop Cotton Boys' School, the defending champions, won the toss and elected to bat first. Their innings was anchored by a splendid unbeaten knock of 123 runs by Siddharth, enabling the team to post a formidable total of 232 runs. Siddharth was adjudged the 'Best Batsman' of the tournament for his exceptional performances with the bat, while Rushil was named the 'Best Bowler' for his consistent excellency with the ball.



SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

The Summer Camp commenced with an overwhelming response, bringing together 783 enthusiastic participants. With the support of 30 experienced coaches and 20 dedicated support staff members, the camp successfully facilitated training across 12 sporting disciplines.













The highest participation was recorded in Swimming (194 students), Football (183), and Cricket (151), reflecting a keen interest in both team and individual sports. Athletics (79), Basketball (60), and Chess (52) also saw significant enrolment, while sports such as Badminton (28), Tennis (17), Table Tennis (9), Hockey (4), Taekwondo (5), and Karate (3) provided students with diverse sporting opportunities.













A special note of appreciation goes to the Vice Principal and Head of the Physical Education Department, Mr. Anil Dutt, for his leadership, along with the Physical Education Department for their expertise and dedication in ensuring the smooth conduct of the camp. Their efforts were instrumental in providing structured training and fostering skill development. The team included Mr. Unnikrishnan, Mr. Louis Praveen, Mr. Divakar, Mr. Manohara, Mr. Devraj, Mr. Daral Kumar, Mr. Jack Kiran, Mr. Vijay Samson, and Mr. Jacob Robertson

The camp not only honed the athletic abilities of the participants but also instilled discipline, teamwork, and a spirit of sportsmanship. With its structured approach and enthusiastic participation, the Summer Camp has been a resounding success.

On, Straight On!

RCB SPELLING BEE 2025

The RCB Spelling Bee 2025 was held on 22nd June at the Rotary Club of Bangalore and was organized by the Youth Services Committee to foster linguistic development and celebrate spelling excellence among students from Grades 4 to 6. The competition attracted 160 participants from 18 schools, with Bishop Cotton Boys' School proudly represented by nine students across all three eligible grades.





All our participants took part in a challenging written qualifier round, which tested their vocabulary and spelling skills through multiple-choice questions. From this round, Aryamann Gaine (Grade 4) and Jeremiah Samuel (Grade 6) advanced to the semi-finals, showcasing their strong command of the English Language and competitive spirit.

Aryamann Gaine further impressed in the oral semi-final round, ultimately advancing to the finals and securing 2nd place overall. He was awarded a medal and a gift voucher for his exceptional performance. We congratulate Aryamann for this remarkable achievement and extend our appreciation to all our students for their dedication and effort throughout the competition.



> Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.
>
> - FLORA LEWIS

KARNATAKA STATE KIDS MEET 2025

Held on 23rd June 2025 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru, the Karnataka State Kids Meet 2025 witnessed participation from over 2000 athletes across the state. Bishop Cotton Boys' School is proud to announce several achievements of our students at this prestigious event







Neevan Gladson Franklin of Grade 6 won the Gold Medal in the 80m sprint and the Bronze Medal in Long Jump in the Under-12 category; Keith Dsouza of Grade 2 secured the Bronze Medal in the 60m race in the Under-8 category ; Nikith Franklin of Grade 2 earned the Bronze Medal in the Cricket Ball Throw in the Under-8 category; our Senior Relay Team comprising Ishaan Sukumar (Grade 10), Gaurav Reddy (Grade 10), Dheeraj Lionel D (Grade 9), and Rashil Atmakur (Grade 10) secured 5th place in the time trials, competing against strong contingents from across Karnataka.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our athletic coaches, Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Devraj D, for their dedicated training, and guidance. We congratulate our young athletes for their commendable performances and for proudly representing Bishop Cotton Boys' School on a state platform.



CISCE ZONE 1 KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The CISCE Zone 1 Karate Championship was successfully hosted by Bishop Cotton Boys' School on Monday, 23rd June 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 53 competitors from various schools displaying skill, discipline, and sportsmanship.











Special appreciation is extended to Grand Master Dr. Praveen Ranka, State General Secretary of NCC & HWO Karnataka, for his presence and support. The school acknowledges the efforts of Mr. Anil Dutt, Vice Principal and Head of the Physical Education Department, along with the entire Physical Education staff, for their meticulous planning and smooth conduct of the tournament.

The event was a celebration of martial arts and a testament to the spirit of excellence upheld by Cottons.

ISC DEBATE AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dissent, debate, and discussion are the three essential pillars of a vibrant democracy. Debating is both a skill and an art that we need to encourage at our homes, in our schools and workplaces. To further this objective in our school, for the first time in the history of Cottons a live debate was held during the general assembly to the excitement of all the students present. Two students from the ISC, Arjun Gujjari of 12 A and Aayush Prem of 11 B presented their arguments on their topic 'Smart phones should be banned for children below 16 years of age'

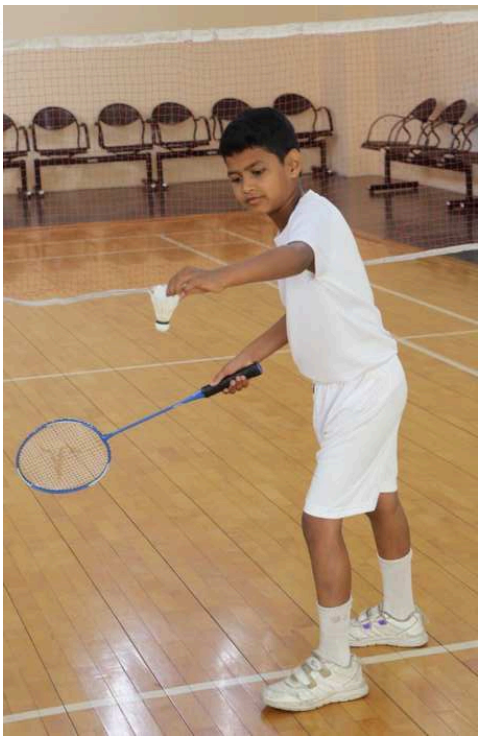




The debate coordinator, Mrs. Madhuri Nair Sanjeev, introduced the speakers, who spoke with great conviction and presented their arguments before the audience. A poll was later conducted by show of hands and the motion was 'not passed' by the audience. The Principal, in his speech, commended the effort and promised to make this a regular feature in general assemblies. We wish to thank our Principal for his continued support in encouraging the spirit of debating in the school.











A SUMMER WELL SPENT AT COTTONS
































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ACHIEVERS: ICSE AND ISC BOARD EXAMS 2025

(ICSE – YEAR X) 2025

COMMERCE STREAM TOPPERS



1st Rank
PADAM NAHATA
97.40%



2nd Rank
SOHUM ADITYA CHHABRIA
96.20%



2nd Rank
VIDIT MEHTA
96.20%



3rd Rank
RISHAB JAIN
96.00%

(ICSE – YEAR X) 2025

SCIENCE STREAM TOPPERS



1st Rank
SHAURYA BHANDARI
99.60%



2nd Rank
DHRUV JAYAPRAKASH PRABHU
99.40%



3rd Rank
MANISH SAINATH R
99.00%

(ISC – YEAR XII) 2025

SCIENCE STREAM TOPPERS



1st Rank
SURYA MADHU BANGARAPPA
98.25%



2nd Rank
ARYAN AJMERA
95.50%



3rd Rank
SHAYAK DAS
93.50%

(ISC – YEAR XII) 2025

COMMERCE STREAM TOPPERS



1st Rank
KHUSH BAHETI
95.50%



2nd Rank
NEEV JAIN A
95.25%



3rd Rank
AARUSH MANDOTH
95.00%

(ISC – YEAR XII) 2025

HUMANITIES STREAM TOPPERS



1st Rank
LALITH KARTIKEYAN B S
87.00%



2nd Rank
UTKARSH ANANDAN
86.50%



3rd Rank
J N GOKUL
79.75%

We are proud to announce a 100% pass result in both our ISC (Class 12) and ICSE (Class 10) Examinations!
This remarkable achievement is a reflection of the unwavering commitment, hard work, and perseverance of our students. It also stands as a testament to the tireless dedication of our faculty, the steadfast support of our parents, and the strong values that define the Cottonian spirit.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Board of Management for their continued guidance and encouragement, which play a pivotal role in sustaining our tradition of excellence.

Congratulations to every student who has made us proud, and to the entire Cottonian family for upholding the legacy of one of India's finest educational institutions.
On Straight On!

ACHIEVEMENTS



DAKSH A SINGHVI SECURED GOLD IN THE BANGALORE DISTRICT JUNIOR TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP 2025.



RISHI AND CHAYANK OF BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL WON THE 91.9 FRIENDS FM QUIZ FINALS DEFEATING LA MARTINIERE KOLKATA.



BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL, CLENCHED GOLD AT THE MAJOR R.K. VON GOLDSTEIN INTER-SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT AGAINST LA MARTINIERE COLLEGE, LUCKNOW.



ARAV RAY 8H SECURED 1ST RANK IN THE BOYS U-16 CATEGORY AT THE 55TH BRDCA OPEN & AGE CATEGORY RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025



DAN THOMAS MATHEW OF CLASS 12E SECURED THIRD PLACE IN HIS CATEGORY AT THE BENGALURU JATRA MARATHON 2025.



ISHAAN CHOPRA (VIII H) AND VIVAAN CHOPRA (VIII D) PUBLISHED BOOKS, ' THE VANISHING TROPHIES' AND 'THE MYSTERY OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT'



BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL LIFT THE BEST DELEGATION IN CGMUN,2025.

TEAM

ARJUN GUJJARI	12-A
BEN GARY LEO	12-A
DEBANKSH CHATTERJEE	12-E
DIKSHIT B	12-A
HARSH MAGESH KUMAR	12-A

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